PUBLIC NOTICE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

COMMENT PERIOD FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE MARY PAT THYNGE

The current appointment of United States Magistrate Judge Mary Pat Thynge is due to expire on June 16, 2008. As required by law, Chief Judge Gregory M. Sleet and the Court have established the following Merit Selection Panel to advise them on the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Thynge to a new eight-year term.

Monti Squire, Esq., Chair Edson Bostic, Esq. Kathleen Fahey-Hosey Anne Shea Gaza, Esq. Norman Oliver Noel Primos, Esq. Keith Rosen, Esq. Philip Rovner, Esq.

The Panel invites comments from members of the bar and the public as to whether incumbent U.S. Magistrate Judge Thynge should be recommended for reappointment.

Comments should be directed **no later that 5:00 p.m. on December 31, 2007.** To:

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Duties of U.S. Magistrate Judges include (1) presiding at trial of criminal petty offenses and misdemeanors; (2) presiding at civil trials with consent of the parties; (3) conducting pretrial and discovery proceedings in civil and criminal cases and hearings related to motions; (4) conducting settlement conferences; (5) setting conditions of release on bail; (6) appointing counsel for indigent defendants; (7) and performing such other duties as may be assigned by the Court. U.S. Magistrate Judges are appointed by the U.S. District Court for an eight-year term and may be reappointed to successive terms